Best Wishes Newlyweds...

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Thompson, proprietors of "Terry's Bakery", Main Street, Farmville, Va., offer all the "goodies" you will need for those gala occasions. An unusual assortment of pastries, fancy cookies, a wide variety of pies, exceptional rolls and breads make Terry's Bakery a very special place. Not only does he bake delectable cakes for birthdays and weddings but has all the accessories and party favors to go along with it.

Everything sold in the bakery is made fresh on the premises. Learning the trade from his father who owned several bakeries, Terry also worked under several European master bakers, has been head baker at Longwood College for the past five years.

Appomattox FFA Member Wins In Tractor Driving

Ronnie Rickman, Halifax County Senior High School, was runner-up. James Kerr, Amelia County High School, and Bruce Dunnevant, Buckingham Jr. High School, finished third and fourth respectively.

Tractor operating is a FFA activity which includes skills in maintaining and operating tractors safely.

Baxter Parris, a member of the Appomattox County High School FFA Chapter, placed first in the annual Southside Area FFA Tractor Operating Contest at Appomattox May 10.

The winning operator will represent the fourteen county Southside Area in the state finals at VPI in June. The area contest was directed by W. C. Perrow, instructor of agricultural education in the Appomattox County High School.

Brownie Troop 308 Has Special Visitor

Miss Hazel Moon, a well known local medical missionary to Africa for the past 30 years, paid a visit to Brownie Troop 308 on May 3rd. Miss Moon displayed many African items she has collected and told interesting stories of her life in Africa. The Brownies, and leaders of Troop 308 sincerely appreciate Miss Moon's visit, especially since she has only had 4 months leave at home this year, and has been very busily lecturing to many other groups. Miss Moon was presented with a lovely corsage by the Brownies and they sang the Brownie Smile song in her honor. Miss Moon has lived the 3 Brownie B's, which are, Be A Friend Maker, Be A Ready Helper, and most of all, Be A Discoverer. Thank you, Miss Moon!

SUPER DOLLAR CASH DIVIDEND

Super Dollar Stores, Inc., a discount variety chain of 124 stores headquartered in Raleigh, N.C., reported that its Board of Directors today adopted a policy of paying regular quarterly cash dividends. The initial dividend of $.05 per share will be payable May 27, 1977 to shareholders of record May 6, 1977. This is the first dividend the Company has declared since it was formed in 1966.

Its President, Leon M. Melvin, reported that since inception the Company's net worth had increased from $450,000 to $3,711,000 at January 29, 1977, and that during this ten years the Company had growth in sales and earnings at an average annual rate of 35%, compounded.

The Company reported that at January 29, 1977 it had 597,512 shares of common stock outstanding and earnings of $1.35 per share ($1.32, fully diluted) for its fiscal year then ended. The Company's common stock is traded on Over-the-Counter markets. The April 22, 1977 closing bid price was $4.25.

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From Diamonds to Cake, Brides Choose White

Ever wonder why a girl receives a white diamond for her engagement? Or why she insists on a white wedding gown and white bridal bouquet for the wedding day? Or why she begins married life under a shower of white rice? Or why the wedding cake must be white?

The bridal-white tradition has evolved gradually through the centuries, and although the style of diamond engagement ring, wedding gown and bouquet has changed to suit the age, the white color still reigns supreme.

The tradition of the white diamond as the symbol of engagement is 500 years old this year. The first engagement ring was given in 1477 when Maximilian of Austria asked Mary of Burgundy to be his bride.

Max was a little shy about popping the question, so he consulted with an advisor who told him: "Your Grace must have a ring set with a diamond." Max did give Mary a sparkling white diamond, and a tradition was started which has continued through the ages.

Actually, the diamond has been associated with romance since early Greek times. In fact, the very word diamond comes from the Greek "adamas," meaning unconquerable. The Greeks believed that the fire in a white diamond reflected the constant flame of love.

Until the end of the nineteenth century, however, the diamond tradition was reserved only for the royal and the wealthy because of the rarity of diamonds. Then, diamonds were discovered in quantity in South Africa and a white diamond for engagement rapidly became a bridal tradition most could enjoy.

Today, 78% of all first-time brides in the U.S. walk down the aisle with a lovely white diamond on the fourth finger, left hand.

Why are bridal gowns white? According to fashion history, at one time wedding gowns ran the gamut of colors: blues, pinks, yellows, and even red! Then, in 1799, Nellie Custis started a trend by choosing a white silk gown for her wedding to George Washington's favorite nephew. By 1818, white gowns were so popular that white became the traditional bridal color.

The white bridal headpiece also can be credited to Miss Custis. She drew a pair of lace curtains around her head as she spoke to her fiancé through an open window one day. When he said she never looked prettier, she decided to wear a white lace head scarf for her wedding.

Although flowers have been used at weddings since ancient times, the white bouquet can be traced to 1830 when orange blossoms became the vogue in southern France. Orange blossoms were considered the flower of fertility and happiness, since the orange tree blossoms and bears fruit at the same time.

In later times, white roses for love and lilies for purity also became popular for bridal bouquets.

As for other bridal white traditions, throwing white rice at the newlyweds symbolized wealth and health. In the Orient, it means, "may you have a full pantry." But in ancient times, rice was thrown as food for jealous evil spirits who hovered near the bride and groom.

The white wedding cake dates to ancient Rome, where a cake made of flour, salt and water was broken over the bride's head to wish her [illegible]. Not many brides today would like cake on their head and, thankfully, this tradition has evolved to just eating the cake. But modern brides still cherish the other white traditions, and choose to be married in white and wear the lovely white diamond throughout their lifetimes.

Major Farm Survey Set For Late Spring

Appomattox farmers will be contacted in late May or early June as part of a nationwide effort to accurately estimate 1977 spring planted acreage and current livestock numbers.

Representative farmers in this area will be visited between May 21 and June 4 by Lyndel Connatser of Dillwyn working with the Virginia Crop Reporting Service. Questions will concern acreages planted for harvest and also cattle, hogs and sheep on the farming unit. Across the country, thousands of similar interviews will be conducted and many other farmers will be contacted by mail. All information will be held confidential and only State and national estimates will be released and made available to the public.

The objective, Lyndel A. Connatser said, is to produce reliable and timely information for producers as a guide for their marketing operations. He noted that these estimates help stabilize market conditions by providing both growers and buyers with official and unbiased estimates of production. Consequently, rumors and trade projections cannot be a factor in setting supply and price levels.

The State and national acreage information will be published in late June followed in early July by yield and production estimates. Estimates concerning hogs and pigs will be available in late June and cattle in late July.

DIAMONDS AND LOVE...

At one time, the radiance of the diamond was thought to originate with the fire of love. Perhaps that is why diamonds have come to symbolize engagement and marriage.

VIRGINIA PORK FESTIVAL TICKETS SELL OUT

Tickets for the third annual Virginia Pork Festival to be held 4:00 - 8:00 P.M., June 8, at the Greensville County Ruritan Club Grounds have been sold out. Sincere appreciation is expressed to all of those who have given their support to make the '77 festival a successful event.

There are over a dozen civic, educational and service organizations involved in the festival's planning and food preparation. The wide choice of food items include the following: 2500 pounds chitterlings; 2000 pounds loin chops; 2000 pounds barbecued spare ribs; 1000 pounds minced barbecue; 1500 pounds pit cooked whole hog barbecue; 22,000 ham biscuits; 5,000 sausage burgers; 15,000 sausage balls; 6000 hush puppies; 55 gallons mountain oysters; 300 gallons cole slaw; and 800 gallons iced tea, soft drinks and beverages. Other hors d'oeuvres include pork skins, pig's feet, souse and hot dog sandwiches. Live music will be provided during the entire festival and a country ham drawing will be held every thirty minutes during the festival.

Wedding Customs

In some countries a man's father-in-law gets presents on his daughter's wedding day. Trobriand Island bridegrooms present their new fathers-in-law with coconuts and canoes in exchange for puddings and hand-woven mats and napkins from the family of the bride.

But if it seems to you that the Trobriand fiance comes out on the short end of the wifely trade, pity the poor Fiji Islander: during a certain season, he must give his father — and anyone else, for that matter — anything requested!

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Planning A Vacation To A National Park? Then Make Safety A Park Of Your Planning

If you're like many Americans, this is the season for pulling out maps, writing for travel information, or otherwise planning this summer's vacation.

"But," says National Park Service Director Gary Everhardt, "if you and your family are among the millions who will visit national park areas this year, make sure a needless accident doesn't spoil your vacation. Take time out now, and at your park destination, to become aware of special safety hazards that too often lead to injuries or fatalities."

In 1976, 153 park visitors died in areas of the National Park System, Everhardt said. Drowning, motor vehicle accidents and falls were the three major causes of visitor deaths, and many were the result of carelessness or unfamiliarity with nature and the park environment.

While the National Park System of the Department of Interior, had a record 267.8 million visits in 1976 and an all-time low fatality rate of 0.57 per million visits, Everhardt said he has asked NPS personnel to increase their efforts to make park visitors even more safety conscious in 1977.

"Many visitors," said Everhardt, "still fail to appreciate the special hazards of undercurrents and icy waters in the broad lakes, deep rivers or swift-flowing streams of the parks. Drowning claimed 60 victims in 1976, and many of them drowned because they did not recognize these hazards."

Many accident victims, particularly those involving drowning and mountain climbing, were persons from urban environments.

"Mountain lakes and rivers look appealing," said Everhardt, "but the waters may be so cold that within a matter of minutes, a swimmer is numbed to unconsciousness--regardless of his swimming skills."

Fatal falls in the parks cost 27 lives in 1976. Amateur climbers, explained the Director, can run special risks if precautions are not taken. "Climbing can be an exhilarating experience, but is not for the reckless or the inexperienced. Hike with care and climb with experienced persons, and be sure to wear proper clothing and shoes. Be properly equipped."

Historical areas, too, have certain problem areas. Steep stairways and low doorways in many historical structures were built to accommodate the shorter person of one and two centuries ago. Today, these doorways and stairways can be one source for a bumped head or a needless fall for the taller, 20th-century visitor.

Fifty-seven persons died in motor vehicle accidents last year. Everhardt cautions drivers--and passengers--to concentrate on driving--not the natural scenery, the wildlife or historic setting around them. Take time to stop and view the sights on foot -- not from the window of your car, he says. And remember that most park roads were built for leisurely driving.

"Getting out of your car or vehicle will put you not only in closer touch with our natural and historic heritage," he said, "but it can also free you from the pressures of driving for long periods and distances."

Five other types of accidents caused visitor deaths in 1976. Two were killed by bears; one by lightning; one by a falling rock. three others died from exposure and three more by asphyxiation.

"Safety awareness is a lesson that unhappily is often learned too late. This year, include it in your plans. Above all, take a few minutes to ask park rangers at your destination about any special precautions or hazards. A few minutes could make a life-time of differnce."

Va. Is National Leader In Tree Planting

Early reports indicate that Virginia's private woodland owners are once again among the leaders in the Nation in forest tree planting. Furthermore, the Virginia Division of Forestry tree nurseries produced a record number of seedlings which were sold to Virginia landowners. All Virginians can and should share in this accomplishment said State Forester Wallace F. Custard.

Virginia's total reforested acres on non-government land exceeded 82,000 acres during the winter and spring planting season of 1975-76. Although this is a little shy of the targeted one hundred thousand acres hoped for, Custard explained that the economy and the weather are partially responsible for the shortage. It is important to note that Virginia's small private landowners (the large forest industries not included) lead the nation in tree planting. The nearest competitor was North Carolina with 32,300 acres planted vs. Virginia's 48,300 acres planted on non-government-non-industry lands.

The Virginia Division of Forestry tree nurseries located in Augusta and New Kent Counties produced 28 different species of tree seedlings for Virginia landowners. The 1975-76 production exceeded 52 million trees with the major species being loblolly pine.

Virginia's two state nurseries ranked third in the nation, exceeded only by Alabama and Louisiana.

"Virginians should be proud of their reforestation efforts. It takes many years to grow trees to usable size, therefore it is essential that we plant trees, pine especially, at an ever increasing rate to meet the demands of the population predicted by the year 2,000," said Custard. Foresters are now in the process of making another statewide forest inventory. The Coastal Plain, Piedmont and Northern Mountain provinces have been completed. The Southern Mountain province is now being surveyed and the results will be available in the fall of 1977. "When the inventory is completed, we will be in a better position to develop short and long range plans for new forest resource", said Custard.

There are more than 68,000 wage earners directly dependent on the forest industry which is dependent on the raw material supplied by our forests. The citizens of the state and nation demand the products of the industry. This means that we must continue a strong reforestation program and encourage wise management on all 16 million acres of Virginia's wooded areas.

Virginia can and must retain her leadership position because of economics and the many other forest resource-related values, concluded Custard.

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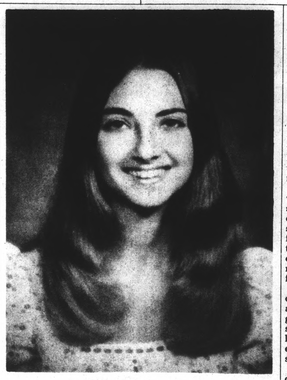

MISS ROBIN ELIZABETH WALLS

Engagement Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Walls of 1117 Northbury Avenue, Richmond, Va. announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Elizabeth, to Russell Lewis Tomlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Tomlin of Rt. 1, Spout Spring.

Miss Walls is a 1974 graduate of Varina High School in Richmond and is a Senior at Longwood College, majoring in Elementary Education.

Mr. Tomlin is a 1973 graduate of Appomattox County High School. He has attended Central Virginia Community College and is also a Senior at Longwood College, majoring in Elementary Education.

No date has been set for the wedding.

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Shelving

BLACKSBURG - What to do with the many objects the family collects or makes is often a real problem. Shelf units may be the answer, a Virginia Tech Extension home furnishing specialist suggests.

These functional wall units feature shelving to display books, stereo, television, magazines, plants and art objects, as well as cabinets which provide hidden storage space to help keep things tidy, Katherine Hable, an assistant professor in Tech's College of Home Economics, said.

"Wall-hung furniture units are the answer if you have lots of books, accessories, records, and what-nots just hanging around in closets, and in drawers too full to take anything more," she said. A unit often makes use of space which might otherwise be lost, and also provided a decorative look.

Wall systems come in many colors and finishes. "You can find systems which are traditional or contemporary. Many styles are adaptable and there are many to fill various needs" Habel said.

If the unit is adjustable, you will be able to design your wall system your self by mixing drawer and cabinet units with shelving. Wall units can be the family entertainment center--the setting for a television set or hi-fi, storage space for records and tapes, stowaway for cards and other games.

"This could be a collector's corner for the family's work of art or a display of one or two good antiques or a piece of sculpture. When these are well lighted, the items can be enjoyed night and day," Habel said.

"Often it's hard to get a cabinetmaker to make just what you want," the Tech Extension specialist said. Take a good look at the wall system units available, she urged.

But, before you go shopping, know your requirements, which will the system will occupy in your home, all the dimensions, and also figure how much it is to be housed in the wall-hung furniture unit, she cautioned.

If you will be moving, consider if the shelving unit would fit into a new location. "Remember to do lots of planning and organize your ideas to make the best use of time and money so you'll end up with your own special look and a wall unit for your needs," he said.

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